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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
 SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 MEETING (approved Oct. 2012)

SPY POND COMMITTEE
 Town Hall Annex, First Floor

Present: Brad Barber, Margot Cooper, Dave Donahue, Bill Eykamp, Jacob Friis, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Irene McKinnon, Mary Morris, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin, Dick Terry.
 Facilitator: Brad Barber Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4. Town Hall Annex, first floor.

- The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.
- Town Day is Saturday, September 15. Brad is in charge of display items. Suggestions:
- Existing display of pictures from Trails Days.
- Pictures of people using the pond – fishing, boating, birding.... Refer to A/B crew table.
- Sample of phragmites with "Bye-bye phragmites" sign explaining control project.
- Invasive plants booklet (note where copies available – probably at Con Com table).
- "Rogues' Gallery of Invasives" leaflet
- Fertilizer flyers (Dick Terry has some); sample of milfoil
- Model of Secchi disk
- Since we will be located where the backs of the display boards are visible, pictures and posters could be displayed on the backs with a sign directing people to the front for more information.
- We need to try to engage more people as they walk by. U-shaped table arrangement? Someone standing in front of table to talk to people?
- Vision 2020 will have a common sign-up sheet for people interested in any task group.
- A sign-up sheet for staffing was passed around. Anyone who wants to help and hasn't signed up yet should contact Brad.
- Pond water quality:
- ACT (Aquatic Control Technology) has contracts with the Town for monitoring our water bodies. Contact person is Erica. She has surveyed Spy Pond and the Res for invasives. Brad will work with her
- The pond was spot treated with Diquat on July 17. Next year a full treatment with Sonar seems indicated. We need to work with DPW, starting early in the year, to make sure that permits are obtained in time and treatment is done when it will be most effective.
- Taking Secchi disk readings 3x per week appears impractical. Readings are being taken 2x per week in north basin. Brad and Jacob and his son have been trained in how to do them.
- The state has also been testing for algae and toxics; readings for toxics have been low. In the past, algae have been treated with copper oleate.
- Sandbar: Steve will meet with DPW director Mike Rademacher and they will try to break the job down into steps that could be accomplished one at a time.
- Miscellany:
- Friends of Spy Pond Park work/fun day is Saturday. Canoes will be available for visits to Elizabeth Island.
- Kelwyn Manor Marsh (former phragmites patch): Some things have come up from the seeds planted earlier, but not much. Some purple loosestrife also came up but Brad pulled it. He wants to do some more planting with volunteers from the Kelwyn Manor Association.
- NOIs should be closed unless we need to do more treatment. Joey noted that the State has extended all existing permits until 2015.
- Meetings for next year: Joey has reserved the first-floor conference room for the first Tuesday of every month with two exceptions: Jan. 8 instead of 1, April 30 instead of May.
- Master Plan: First public meeting will be October 17. Arlington now has some partial plans, e.g. for housing and for open space, but no overall plan.

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